

MR. BRYAN STARS

FOR PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Supporting New Secretary of Agriculture; Latter Work- ing for McAdoo.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

William Jennings Bryan has looked over the list of men available for the democratic nomination for the presidency and come to the conclusion that Edward T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture, who has been in the White House since the inauguration of President Roosevelt, is the man for the job.

Mr. Bryan's views have been disclosed to leading democrats with whom he has recently been in frequent conference here.

Mr. Meredith himself is not an aspirant for the nomination, but is an avowed supporter of William C. McAdoo, for whom he is trying to get the Iowa delegation.

The commoner thinks the Wilson load hangs too heavy around the neck of Mr. McAdoo, and while he is personally fond of the former Secretary of the Treasury and has a high regard for his ability, he thinks the son-in-law argument would be a difficult one to surmount in the campaign.

As for Attorney General Palmer, Mr. Bryan fears because of the injunction issued by Mr. Palmer against the coal miners. The commoner thinks the democratic should keep in the good graces of labor, and while he approves heartily of Mr. Palmer's prohibition views, he does not think the Attorney General can qualify as a friend of labor.

Test of Eligibility.

To all the candidates on the list Mr. Bryan applies this test—prohibition, woman suffrage, friendliness to labor, capacity for business administration and recognition of the interests of the farmer. Mr. Meredith supplies all of these qualities. He ran for governor of Iowa on a dry ticket and is known as a champion of prohibition. He has ardently supported woman suffrage. He has taken a broad attitude toward the question of labor and was appointed a member of the public group in the President's first industrial commission.

Mr. Meredith is, moreover, a successful business man, is the editor and publisher of Successful Farming, one of the largest farm periodicals in the country. He is a promoter of other large business enterprises and thinks in terms of business efficiency. He favors the league of nations.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Meredith has never taken so seriously as a presidential aspirant. Many of his friends here, however, who are not inclined to think he has much of a chance this year, even with Mr. Bryan's support, say he would make a splendid president. They think from now on, as he would by that time have acquired an intimate knowledge of the country, he would be a better president than any other man in the cabinet.

Mr. Meredith is himself one of the best known and most popular of the democratic convention at San Francisco. While he has worked hard to have the delegates from the 20th State at the same time, eager to have Iowa support ultimately the candidacy of William C. McAdoo.

Other members of the Iowa delegation are striving to have Iowa's delegates instructed under the banner of Mr. McAdoo and Palmer will begin the battle for an instructed or uninstructed delegation.

Situation in Nebraska.

Meanwhile the attitude of William Jennings Bryan is significant of the course he intends to follow. Mr. Bryan himself is not likely to be a delegate to the convention. Nebraska here insist that there are no wets there. The democratic primaries in Nebraska and a wet ticket for delegates will be the subject of Mr. Bryan all the more anxious to select a leading dry from the neighboring state of Iowa.

Mr. Bryan is not a delegate or not, Mr. Bryan is out to make the democratic convention dry. And Edwin T. Meredith is the man to do it.

Mr. Bryan has pronounced advocate of prohibition for many years. So the spectacle presented by the Democratic convention in the Wilson cabinet supporting for the presidential nomination the Secretary of Agriculture, the Attorney General and a former Secretary of the Treasury in the same cabinet.

Whatever the dramatic episodes of the Jackson day dinner may have spelled at the time, they have failed to introduce any substantial element to compete with the hold which the Wilson men seem to have on the fortunes of the democratic party.

Mr. Bryan, who is not a delegate, is his own candidate. And the next nominee, whoever he is, will be approved or disapproved by the vote of the titular leader of the democratic party—Woodrow Wilson.

WILL JOIN R. I. AVENUE TO BALTIMORE HIGHWAY

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 6 (Special).—An additional connection with the Baltimore highway, by way of Rhode Island avenue, is assured to Washington by the passage by the legislature yesterday of Senator Metcalf's bill directing the state roads commission to provide that thoroughfare.

The road connecting the boulevard at Hyattsville with Rhode Island avenue is only one mile long, but the grading will be expensive, and \$100,000 is provided for the purpose. The road will be a concrete highway, and will incline to the north from the present entrance to Washington, which will remain as it is.

The road is to be built by the Prince Georges county, also passed during the closing hours of the session, leaving the road to the jurisdiction of the districts, providing that each district upon approval of the plan may increase the tax on the extent of 5 per cent of the taxable property or provide funds by a special tax, not to exceed 25 cents on the hundred dollars.

SOLDIER BONUS BILL BEATEN

Maryland Senate Rejects Measure by 15-to-9 Vote.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 6.—In the last hours of the session of the Maryland legislature, the senate last night defeated the state soldier bonus bill. The vote was 15 to 9.

The defeat came only after a hard fight for the measure, and after it became known that Gov. Ritchie wanted the measure passed, with an amendment providing a referendum on the question.

FAVORS TWO-CENT COIN AS ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

Upon the recommendation of the Senate parking committee, Chairman McLean today favorably reported his bill providing for the coining of a two-cent coin in memory of former President Roosevelt.

JOHNSON PUFFS EAR

AMERICAN IN CHICAGO PRODUCE CONTEST

Republican Voters Support Senator—Hoover Leads Democratic List.

By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, Mich., April 6.—Returns from 1,236 out of 2,421 precincts in the state on yesterday's presidential preference primary give:

For the republican endorsement—Senator Johnson, 113,326; Maj. Gen. Wood, 65,747.

Approximately one-half of the precincts in the state show, for the democratic endorsement:

Herbert Hoover, 13,152; Edward I. Edwards, 11,427; William C. McAdoo, 10,617; William J. Bryan, 8,786; Attorney General Palmer, 6,731.

Complete returns gave: Wood, 4,734; Johnson, 3,059; Sagnaw, virtually complete, gave Johnson, 2,996; Wood, 1,990. Fifty-one-half complete, Johnson, 1,465; Wood, 869. Johnson, practically complete, Johnson, 1,898; Wood, 1,357.

The republican ticket, for Johnson on the republican ticket, 35,349.

GEN. HARTS DENIES

TESTIFIES BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE REGARDING "STRONG-ARM" PRACTICES IN PARIS.

Charges that "strong-armed, blood-thirsty police companies swept the streets of Paris making wholesale arrests of American soldiers" were denied today before a House war investigation committee by Brig. Gen. William W. Harts, former commander of American troops in the Paris district.

Gen. Harts, who was ordered home from Germany, where he is chief of staff of the American forces, to testify before the committee, also denied that prisoners were "put through a third degree to obtain confessions of crime," or that they were "beaten, threatened and humiliated."

Records of Cases Read.

Representative Bland, republican, Indiana, who questioned the general, read reports of specific cases in which officers were said to have assaulted prisoners. He also read a letter from Gen. Harts to the committee.

Gen. Harts said he always followed the strictest rules of military discipline, and that he never used force or threats against prisoners.

That the "strong-armed, blood-thirsty police companies" were not in the Paris district, Gen. Harts said he never saw them, and that he never heard of them.

He said he never saw any American soldiers being arrested, and that he never saw any American soldiers being treated in any way that he considered improper.

Human Element Omitted.

"The human element was left out of the picture," Gen. Harts declared. "They were a strong, brave, bloodthirsty bunch who were ordered to be hard boiled."

I object to the words "bloodthirsty and strong-armed," said Gen. Harts. "I am not a bloodthirsty man, and I am not a strong-armed man."

Representative Bland charged that soldiers "were put through the third degree, but Gen. Harts denied that he had been informed of such conditions.

Conditions Were Worse Than You Know or Wish to Admit.

"That is true," the witness replied. "Blanks were sent to the men from the front, and they had to live on them. They were crowded into the rooms, sleeping on the floor. Twelve men slept in a room fifteen feet long."

Gen. Harts replied that the committee "ought to listen to me, and not to the press."

He said he had said, to tell the facts.

Says Men Were Duty Dodgers.

"These men were duty dodgers," Gen. Harts explained. "They were there and you didn't care what became of them. They were there and you didn't care what became of them. They were there and you didn't care what became of them."

These men were soldiers, duty dodgers, who didn't remain with their units, but they were there, and they were there, and they were there.

Our object was to get them back to their organizations as soon as possible. I am not a bloodthirsty man, and I am not a strong-armed man.

Replied to a Question by Mr. Flood.

Gen. Harts said an American non-commissioned officer had been killed in the Metro subway in Paris to a Frenchman and collected \$20,000. "I am not a bloodthirsty man, and I am not a strong-armed man."

"I didn't you have sufficient influence after thirty-five years' Army experience to get men into rooms for prisoners," Bland asked.

"I have some influence, but this was a difficult task," the witness replied.

SENATE PASSES BILL

CHANGING CODE IN D. C.

The Senate today passed the Volstead bill amending the code of laws for the District of Columbia in many particulars. The bill was passed without debate.

FOR ROOSEVELT

JOHN P. HARTS ARRESTED; TAXES \$1,000

Irish Sympathizers Continue Demonstration Before British Embassy.

Disregarding warnings of the federal government that they would be prosecuted under federal penal statutes, four women favorable to an Irish republic resumed today the picketing of the British embassy, which led yesterday to two arrests.

A few minutes after the women appeared carrying banners they were warned by the police to leave and when they failed to obey were arrested. They gave their names as Mrs. Honor Walsh, 963 East Chelton avenue, Germantown, Pa.; Miss Elaine Barrie, of 1938 North 20th street, Philadelphia; Miss Helen O'Brien, 227 Delmar road, St. Louis, a niece of Mrs. Walsh; Miss Kathleen O'Brien, 1644 South 26th street, Philadelphia.

"For the sake of the Irish republic I submit," said Mrs. Walsh, the reply of Mrs. Walsh when she was arrested. "The women arrived at the embassy at 12 o'clock, and soon after a patrol wagon filled with policemen drove up. Capt. Doyle of the third precinct, accompanied by Inspector Sullivan, approached the women, and after Capt. Doyle had asked them if they were aware that they were picketing the British embassy, they answered in the affirmative, he told them that, by orders of the District Court, they were to be removed from the picketing line. They refused to leave, and were taken to the house of detention, where District Attorney Laskey placed their bonds at \$1,000. They were not released."

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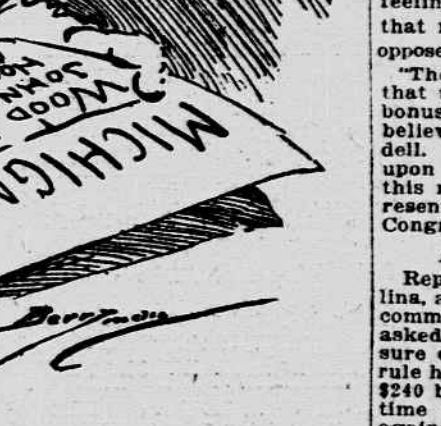
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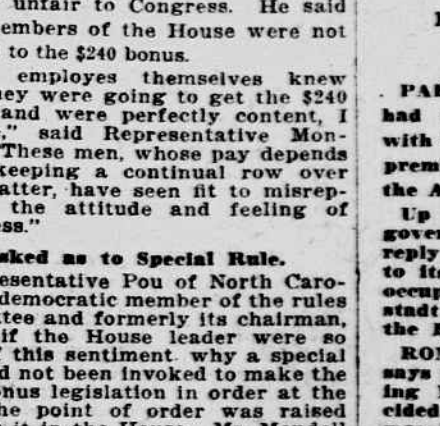
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